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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION OKAMOTO, HOMARE First Inventor TRANSMITTAL **CHANNEL ADAPTER AND DISK ARRAY DEVICE** (Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b)) Express Mail Label No. Mail Stop Patent Application **APPLICATION ELEMENTS** Commissioner for Patents ADDRESS TO: P.O. Box 1450 SEE MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents. Alexandria VA 22313-1450 1. X Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17) CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or (Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing) Computer Program (Appendix) 8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission Applicant claims small entity status. fif applicable, all necessary) See 37 CFR 1.27. Computer Readable Form (CRF) b. Specification Sequence Listing on: [Total Pages: 37] Specification i. . D CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or (preferred arrangement set forth below) -Descriptive title of the invention ii. . \square paper -Cross Reference to Related Applications -Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D c. Statements verifying identity of above copies -Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix -Background of the Invention **ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS** -Brief Summary of the Invention Assignment Papers (cover sheet & documents(s)) -Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed) -Detailed Description 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement Power of Attorney -Claim(s) (when there is an assignee) -Abstract of the Disclosure English Translation Document (if applicable) 4. 🛛 Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets: Z] Copies of IDS Citations Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 5. Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets: _ Preliminary Amendment Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) b. . Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d)) (Should be specifically itemized) (for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed) Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) DELETION OF INVENTOR(S) (if foreign priority is claimed) Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 Named in the prior application, see 37 CFR (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b) or its equivalent. 17. X Other: Figs. 1-7; Credit Card Payment Form; Claim Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76 For Priority 18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76: Continuation ___ Divisional Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: Prior application information: Examiner: Art Unit: For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts. 19. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS Customer Number OR L Correspondence address below 020457 Name ANTONELLI, TERRY, STOUT & KRAUS, LLP Address State Zip Code City Country Telephone (703) 312-6600 Fax (703) 312-6666 Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) Name (Print/Type) Carl I_Brundidge 29,621 February 3, 2004

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